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Response to Amendment

1. The election filed August 15, 2002 is acknowledged and has been entered.

- 2. The amendment filed November 6, 2003 is acknowledged and has been entered.
- 3. The response filed on August 15, 2002 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In the election filed August 15, 2002, Applicant has elected group I, claims 1-13, 27, 29, 51, 54, 56, 57, and 59, as set forth in the Office action mailed May 22, 2002.

However, as set forth in the restriction and election requirement, claim 27 is generic to a plurality of patentably disclosed species of invention. In replying to the Office Action, Applicant was required to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Furthermore, Applicant was required to identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. Because Applicant failed to meet these requirements and elect a single disclosed species of invention, the response filed August 15, 2002 is not fully responsive to the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.111.

In reply to this communication, Applicant is required to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Furthermore, Applicant must identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added.

4. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen L. Rawlings, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne (Bonnie) Eyler, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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